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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of December 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A√In most techniques according to the prior art, obtaining hydrosoluble cellulose acetate, usually having an acetylation degree within the range from 0.5 to 1, goes through the formation of a cellulose triacetate followed by hydrolysis of the acetyl groups, for example, according to Tanghe L.J. et al. (1963) : "Cellulose acetate" in Methods in Carbohydrate Chemistry. Vol. 3, Whistler R.L. (ed.) 193-212, Academic Press, New York or according to Samios E. et al. (1997): "Preparation,

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